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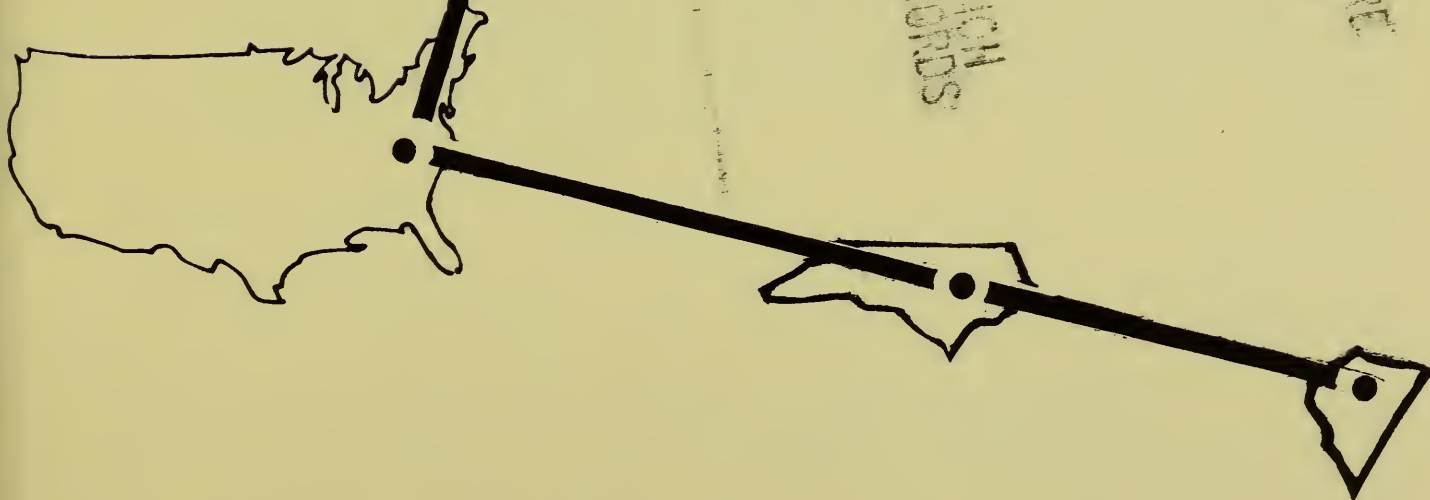
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AGRICULTURAL STABILIZATION
AND CONSERVATION SERVICE

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F O R E W O R D

The Franklin County ASCS Office presents this annual report of its activities and accomplishments for 1978. This information gives a brief resume of the benefits every American receives either directly or indirectly from farm programs administered through ASCS. These programs provide the framework for a sound and balanced agricultural economy.

This report may be used as a good reference any time you need information about farm programs administered in Franklin County.



This report is dedicated to the memory of two loyal and dedicated ASC Community Committeemen, Mr. Owen F. Tharrington and Mr. Henry T. Edwards.

Mr. Tharrington served as a member of the Sandy Creek Community Committee continuously for 27 years from 1952 until his death in 1977.

Mr. Edwards served as a member of the Sandy Creek Community Committee during 1951 and 1952, and continuously from 1962 until his death in 1978.

Both of these gentlemen represented the farmers of their community in a fair and impartial manner. They were highly respected for their sound judgment and willing spirit.

Their concern and compassion for their fellow man will be long remembered.

O U R C R E E D

WE AS MEMBERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE COUNTY AGRICULTURAL STABILIZATION AND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE ACCEPT OUR OBLIGATION AND OUR OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE THE PEOPLE IN THIS COUNTY WELL AND IN FULL MEASURE. WE BELIEVE IT IS OUR DUTY...

- * To administer faithfully the federal programs and functions assigned to us.
- * To put loyalty to the highest moral principles above loyalty to persons or party.
- * To serve the public with fairness, courtesy, integrity, and understanding.
- * To give a full day's labor for a full day's pay, giving to the performance of our duties earnest effort and our best thought.
- * To develop our personal resources by seeking always to improve the efficiency, economy and effectiveness of our works.
- * To be a good neighbor and a substantial contributor to the general welfare of our community, being mindful of the common source of all our blessings.

...AND THUS DO OUR PART IN PERFORMING THE ESSENTIAL SERVICES OF THE GOVERNMENT, IN CONSERVING OUR NATURAL RESOURCES, AND IN FURTHERING THE FREE AND DEMOCRATIC INSTITUTIONS OF OUR COUNTRY.

A D M I N I S T R A T I V E

The Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service, an agency of the United States Department of Agriculture, administers various programs by means of farmer committees in the broad fields of production adjustment, soil, water, and forest conservation assistance, and price and market stabilization.

The State ASC Committee, comprised of five farmer members, is appointed by the Secretary of Agriculture. The State Committee makes policy determinations at the State level and appoints a State Executive Director who is in charge of the day to day operations. Each year Franklin County farmers elect three farmers to serve as community committeemen in each of the ten ASC communities in the county. The community committee elects three farmers to serve on the county committee. The county committee determines ASCS policy in the county. They appoint a County Executive Director to carry out the day to day operations. Counties in the state are divided into nine administrative districts. A District Director supervises county office operations in each of these districts.

ORGANIZATIONAL CHART

STATE ASC COMMITTEE

R. W. WILKINS, JR., CHAIRMAN

J. W. HALL

C. L. MCLAWHORN

L. W. HOLLEY

Z. H. PONDER

STATE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

C. P. STEWART

DISTRICT DIRECTOR

D. L. ROBERTS

COUNTY ASC COMMITTEE

BENNIE R. GUPTON ----- CHAIRMAN
BENNIE B. WILLIAMS-----VICE-CHAIRMAN
MAYNARD G. BAKER-----REGULAR MEMBER

COMMUNITY ASC COMMITTEE

A-CEDAR ROCK

R. S. May
O. T. Fisher
Steven Nelms

B-CYPRESS CREEK

Charles Bass
Thomas Gay
Phillip Sykes

C-DUNN

O'deyne Mullen
John Vollmer
H. K. Baker

D-FRANKLINTON

R. W. Pace, Jr.
Larry Wilder
Watson Mitchiner

E-GOLDMINE

Kirby Gupton
Henry Nelms
Billy Wood

F-HARRIS

Horace W. Baker
John B. Arnold
W. R. Richards, Jr.

G-HAYESVILLE

W. E. Aycock
Richard G. Ayscue
Maynard S. Wilson

H-LOUISBURG

Wilbur Southall
Thomas Perdue
Walter Ball

J-SANDY CREEK

H. T. Edwards
J. C. Tharrington
Steve Lamm

K-YOUNGSVILLE

Maryland M. Holmes
John R. Hill, Jr.
Fred O. Mitchell

OFFICE PERSONNEL

John R. Davis-----County Executive Director
Dorothy W. Clay-----Chief Program Assistnat
Mildred M. Bobbitt-----Program Assistant
Diana B. Cannady-----Program Assistant
Ruby F. Abbott-----Program Assistant
Dahlia H. Duke-----Program Assistant
Jane J. Williams-----Program Assisstant
Sue C. Tharrington-----Program Assistant
Eugene R. Collins-----Field & Office Assistant
Willie J. Highsmith-----Custodian

TEMPORARY OFFICE PERSONNEL

Barbara Ayscue

Maxine Wilkinson

FIELD PERSONNEL

Robert Allen-----Tobacco Marketing Recorder
Christine Burnette-----Tobacco Marketing Recorder
Wilton Faulkner -----Field Assistant
Daniel Inscoe -----Field Assistant
Jonathan Phillips -----Field Assistant
Rodney Marshall -----Field Assistant
Eugene Underhill -----Field Assistant
Jimmy Wright -----Field Assistant

M O T T O

"Service With A Smile"

BUDGET AND EXPENDITURES

The Franklin County ASCS Office is allocated administrative funds fiscally based on workload volume. As funds are needed, sight drafts are prepared and deposited in the county committee's bank account to be used for operating cost of the county office.

Funds to cover the cost of field work for pre-measurement and remeasurement services are collected from farmers and deposited to the bank account.

1978 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET

Allocations -----	\$171,768.00
Collections -----	4,889.77
TOTAL -----	\$176,657.77

1978 FISCAL YEAR EXPENDITURES

County Committee -----	\$ 3,128.82
Community Committee -----	1,543.46
Office & Field Personnel -----	143,406.66
Travel -----	5,898.41
Supplies & Miscellaneous expense -----	4,270.28
Unused and obligated funds -----	18,278.32
Refunds -----	131.82
TOTAL -----	\$176,657.77

1978 AGRICULTURAL CONSERVATION PROGRAM

The 1978 Agricultural Conservation Program provided cost-sharing for practices which resulted in maximum conservation benefits. Conservation measures also enhance the quality of the environment in rural areas, control agricultural related pollution, preserve and restore our natural wildlife population. Annual and long term agreements help solve current as well as long range conservation problems. Special emphasis are placed on forestry practices through ACP cost-sharing and the Forestry Incentive Program.

Federal cost-sharing assistance was offered for carrying out practices under the 1978 ACP not to exceed \$3500 per person.

<u>Practice</u>	<u>Units</u>	<u>Assistance</u>
Permanent Pasture	178 acres	6,804
Pasture Improvement	173 acres	3,769
Water Impoundment		
Reservoirs	38 ponds	15,501
Sod Waterways	9 farms	3,161
Animal Waste Control		
Facilities	8 acres	7,027
Cover Crops	3893 acres	15,571
TOTAL-----		\$ 51,833

FORESTRY INCENTIVE PROGRAM

The Forestry Incentive Program is administered through the combined efforts of the N. C. Forest Service And ASCS. The N. C. Forest Service is responsible for technical phases and ASCS offers cost-sharing assistance at 60% of the cost not to exceed \$10,000 per person. 1978 participation is as follows:

Number of farms planting trees -----	21
Total acres of trees planted -----	1146
Total cost-share assistance paid -----	\$49,329

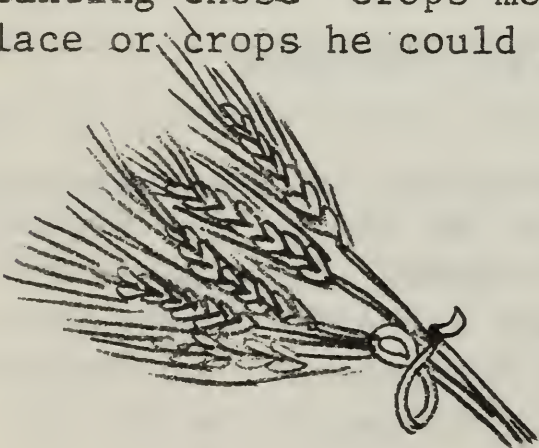
FEED GRAIN AND WHEAT PROGRAM

The 1977 Food & Agricultural Act discarded base acreage allotments and substituted a Normal Crop Acreage concept. The crops which constitute normal crop acreage in Franklin County are barley, corn, grain sorghum, wheat, cotton, oats, rye, soybeans and sweet potatoes. The first established NCA was based on the 1977 plantings of these crops.

The 1977 Act protects farmer's income through commodity loans, target prices, land diversion and disaster payments when necessary. Target prices for 1978 crops were:

Corn -----	\$2.10 per bu.
Grain Sorghum -----	\$2.28 per bu.
Barley -----	\$2.25 per bu.
Wheat -----	\$3.40 per bu.
Cotton -----	\$0.48 per cwt.

The 1978 set-aside program provided that the total acres of NCA crops plus acres set-aside (20% of wheat planted, 10% of feed grains planted and any additional diversion) could not exceed the farms NCA. The producer was provided flexibility in planting those crops most in demand at the market place or crops he could grow best.



Participation in either the feed grain or wheat program was voluntary. Following are summaries of Franklin County activities.

Number farms with NCA established	2297
Total NCA acreage established	86,015

FEED GRAIN SUMMARY

Number farms participating	357
Number of voluntary diversion payments	167
Amount of voluntary diversion payments	--\$14,972.62
Number deficiency payments	318
Amount of deficiency payments	\$14,190.84
Number disaster payments	9
Amount of disaster payments	\$1,446.72

WHEAT SUMMARY

Number farms participating	88
Number haying & grazing payments	8
Amount of haying & grazing payments	---\$1,247.00
Number deficiency payments	100
Amount of deficiency payments	\$17,581.59
Number disaster payments	2
Amount of disaster payments	\$846.60

COTTON SUMMARY

Number farms planting cotton	5
Total acres planted	79.2
Total production (pounds)	38,042
Average yield per acre (pounds)	480



BOLL WEEVIL ERADICATION PROGRAM

Boll-weevil eradication began in Franklin and 45 other eastern North Carolina counties in 1978. The program is to run for three years. Participation is required for each farm on which cotton is planted. The program provides for spraying and inspection by the N. C. Department of Agriculture. The cost of this program is shared by the farmer, USDA-ASCS, and NCDA.

Farms in program -----	5
Acres in program -----	72.9
Collection from farmer -----	\$3,636.00

T O B A C C O

Flue-cured tobacco is the number one cash crop in Franklin County. The acreage poundage program has been in effect since 1965. Each year the Secretary makes an estimate of the amount of tobacco that will be utilized and exported during the year and adjusts quotas upward or downward by the amount needed to bring production in balance with demand. Under this program, if the marketings from a farm are less than the poundage quota for the farm, the difference is added to the farm's quota (both acres and pounds) for the following year.

Price support was carried out through loans made available by Flue-cured Tobacco Stabilization Corporation. The acreage loan level for the 1978 crop of flue-cured tobacco was \$1.21 per pound.

TOBACCO SUMMARY

No. farms with allotments -----	2695
County basic allotment -----	9550.80
County Effective allotment -----	9877.01
County effective quota (pounds)-----	17,297,242
Pounds marketed -----	18,218,940
1978 Carryover tobacco delivered to F. C. Stabilization & Companies (will be deducted for 1979) -----	1,212,252
Pounds overmarketed -----	921,698

4 LEAF TOBACCO PROGRAM

As a result of a big buildup and poor demand of P and N grades of tobacco in F. C. Stabilization's inventory the "4 Leaf Program" went into effect. The purpose of this program was to encourage farmers to leave their bottom primings in the field. Participating farmers could plant up to 120% of the farm's effective tobacco allotment and still be eligible for price support provided the four bottom leaves were harvested.

Number of farms signed up -----44

TOBACCO LEASE AND TRANSFER PROGRAM

The lease and transfer of tobacco poundage with in the county continued in effect for 1978 and the growers were permitted to transfer poundage by lease through November 30th.



TOBACCO WAREHOUSE DESIGNATION PROGRAM

The Tobacco Warehouse Designation Program began in 1974 and has continued in effect since that time. To be eligible for price support farmers must visit the County ASCS Office prior to the beginning of the marketing season and select a warehouse at which they agree to market their crop. Those who failed to designate during the initial period are permitted to designate during the monthly redesignation periods when farmers are allowed to change warehouses.

The purpose of this program is to allow more orderly marketing and reduce congestion at warehouses. A big majority of the farmers participated in the program.

A total of 1866 designation forms were prepared during the 1978 marketing season.

LOUISBURG TOBACCO MARKET SALES

Number of sale days -----	29
Pounds sold -----	9,359,429
Gross sales amount -----	\$12,111,317.66
Average per pound -----	\$129.40

NON-QUOTA TOBACCO

Maryland tobacco is a non-quota tobacco, that can be grown without an allotment. This tobacco was planted on 19 farms in Franklin County in 1978.

COMPLIANCE

The certification method of determining compliance was used in 1978. The planted acreages of crops and other land uses were reported by the farm operators. Farms were selected at random and spot-checked to determine the accuracy of the reports. Aerial observation was used to spot check 56 farms. The number of reports received and farm visits made by commodity is as follows:

<u>Commodity</u>	<u>Reported</u>	<u>Measured</u>
Tobacco	1397	204
Cotton	5	5
Wheat	301	104
Corn	790	233
Grain Sorghum	153	75
Barley	91	62
ACP	174	26
Non-Participating Farms	636	33
Set-aside	357	224
Other NCA	639	138
Wheat DA	11	11
ACP Vendors	11	6
Non-Quota Tobacco	19	19

RECONSTITUTIONS

Farms must be reconstituted whenever:

- A. A change occurred in the operation of farm.
- B. An owner requests in writing that his land no longer be included in a multiple ownership farm.
- C. The farm is not properly constituted.

RECONSTITUTION SUMMARY

Number of Reconstitutions -----	143
In-County Transfers -----	1
Out-County Transfers -----	9

FARM STORAGE FACILITY LOAN PROGRAM

The purpose of the Farm Storage & Facility Loan Program is to enable producers to obtain loans on grain bins and drying equipment. Loans may be made to cover 85% of the purchase and erection costs. Loans are for a 8 year period with 7 equal annual repayments. Variable interest rates of 9.375, 6.125, 7.5 and 7.0 were applicable in 1978.

Loans disbursed in 1978 -----	8
Active Loans -----	15

EMERGENCY FEED PROGRAM

The Emergency Feed Program was continued during 1978 because adverse weather in 1977 prevented the production of adequate feed.

The following data summarizes the participation in the Emergency Feed Program for 1978 on applications approved in 1977.

Pounds of feed assistance paid -----	8,821,077
Total assistance paid -----	\$175,544.11

COUNTY EMERGENCY BOARD

During a local disaster or a national emergency the Emergency Board and its support personnel will carry out emergency operations from the Emergency County Office. The basic responsibilities are related to the local food situation and providing assistance in obtaining material, manpower, equipment, supplies, and services needed to carry out responsibilities. Following are members of this board.

John R. Davis, Chairman	-----	ASCS
W. U. Smith, Deputy Chairman	-----	SCS
Thomas Marshall, Member	-----	FHA
C. T. Dean, Jr., Member	-----	CES

MISCELLANEOUS ACTIVITIES

The County ASCS Office performs other duties assigned to it by the Secretary of Agriculture from time to time, such as surveys, reports, and emergency programs. We also try to keep committeemen and farmers informed properly on all phases of the programs administered by ASCS through newsletters, newspaper articles, radio programs, letters and personal contacts.

Meetings were held during the year with community committeemen, farmers, schools and civic groups.

In all our activities we strive to give the very best service possible to every person regardless of sex, race, color or creed.

C O N C L U S I O N

The Franklin County ASCS Office is located in the Agricultural Building on East Nash Street in Louisburg along with the other Agricultural Agencies. We are very grateful to the citizens of Franklin County and our county commissioners for providing good office space.

We especially want to thank Radio Station WYRN and the Franklin Times for their cooperation in getting timely and correct information out for us.

Our office is open each day, Monday through Friday, from 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. except for legal holidays.

We are Federal employees administering farm programs designed for the people of Franklin County. A cordial invitation to visit us is extended to all persons whenever our services are needed. You may wish to telephone us, if so the number is Louisburg #496-3121.

We hope this report has given you some insight into the purpose and accomplishments of programs administered by ASCS.



